

sodium hydrogen carbonate being substantially 1:1 to 2 equivalents, the pressure in the vial being in the range of from 0 to 300 mmHg.

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~~16.~~ A vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in claim ¹~~15~~, wherein sodium carbonate is contained in the composition.

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~~17.~~ A vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in claim ¹~~15~~, wherein sodium hydrogen carbonate is contained in the composition.

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~~18.~~ A vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in claim ¹~~15~~, wherein 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)-ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thiomethyl-3-⁸cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride hydrate, of which the water content is substantially 1 to 4 mols per mol of 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thiomethyl-3-⁸cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride moiety, is contained in the composition.

Claim 5

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~~19.~~ A vacuum-sealed vial, which contains a solid antibiotic composition comprising 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}thiomethyl-3-⁸cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride hydrate, of which the water content is substantially 1 to 4 mols per mol of 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-{1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl}-thiomethyl-3-⁸cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride moiety, and sodium carbonate, the amount of sodium carbonate being substantially 1 to 2 mols per mol of said hydrate, the pressure in the vial being in the range of from 0 to 300 mmHg.